



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented*

### **In Recognition of Hepatitis Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS, Hepatitis Awareness Month** reminds us that the word “hepatitis” means “inflammation of the liver,” and viral hepatitis is a leading cause of liver cancer and liver transplants; and

**WHEREAS, Hepatitis Awareness Month** highlights that an estimated 4.4 million Americans are living with chronic hepatitis, with most unaware that they are infected, and that many people can live with Hepatitis C for decades without having symptoms or feeling ill; and

**WHEREAS, Hepatitis Awareness Month** raises awareness that Hepatitis B-related liver cancer is a leading cause of cancer deaths among Asian Americans, and that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends all people born in Asia and the Pacific Islands get tested for Hepatitis B; and

**WHEREAS, Hepatitis Awareness Month** underscores that people born from 1945 through 1965 are five times more likely to be infected with Hepatitis C than other adults; and

**WHEREAS, Hepatitis Awareness Month** emphasizes that free hepatitis testing is offered daily at community health centers statewide; and

**WHEREAS, Hepatitis Awareness Month** underlines that the month of May is designated as “Hepatitis Awareness Month” in the United States, and May 19th is designated as “Hepatitis Testing Day”;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** for the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim May 2014 as

### **“HEPATITIS AWARENESS MONTH”**

in Hawai‘i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the importance of testing for hepatitis infections, particularly Hepatitis C, for which no vaccination exists.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this eighteenth day of May 2014.

  
NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai‘i

  
SHAN S. TSUTSUI  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai‘i